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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL** Patent

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TRANSACTION MODEL

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Action dated 28 May 2004 with a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on 28 August 2004, Applicants submit the following remarks and amendments to place the claims in condition for allowance and/or better condition for appeal.